

MAYOR NEWEST OBJECTIVE IN RECALL EFFORT



TOM-POOL-ERY . . . Charles "Eat and Swim With Charlie" Gotts wearing derby, sign, and swim-along tells Doris McQuillen (dark suit) and Cuba Bohannon how to draw attention to the "We Want A Swimming Pool" campaign.—Herald photo.

Swimming Pool Issue Brings Out Pros, Cons, And Wolf Whistles

The whistle provoking pulchritude of pool-less swimming beauties this week was uncovered (as far as the law would allow) to attract attention to the campaign for a swimming pool for Torrance.

"This is war," contended Charlie Gotts who arranged for the show. "We intend therefore to use whatever means are necessary to get a pool—be they fair, foul or falsies."

Gotts, popular owner of Dan's Cafe, clad in a bloomer type bathing suit from another era and two lovelies, Doris McQuillen and Cuba Bohannon, attired in the far more flattering garb of the modern day beach and pool goer, toured the town Saturday in a red convertible Ford-ed by Charles Schultz. An election type banner plastered along side the auto shouted, "We Want a Swimming Pool."

During the week however, and in other places all was not foolery.

1. The Recreation commission possibly went off the deep end Monday night in stating that they were in favor of the city council taking steps to build a pool—it was not qualified whether it would be open or enclosed.

2. Tuesday night the City Fathers voted to meet with the Board of Education at the earliest practical date to discuss the swimming pool situation.

3. Practically at the same moment at a meeting of the Board of Education it was unanimously agreed that the school district would be willing to assume the responsibility of managing the proposed pool.

4. The campaign gained momentum as more and more names were added to petitions urging immediate action on the pool issue.

At Monday's meeting of the recreation commission, Charlie Gotts, sans his ancient green and black striped swim togery, gave voice to the following proposition:

"The plan for a swimming pool has been hashed around for 20 years. Why not let the people themselves settle the question—possibly with a bond issue. The cost of an adequate pool, approximately \$250,000 would cost our residents about \$2.50 each per year over a five year period. However, if you gentlemen should see fit to recommend a bond issue for a pool—don't hit the hook. Keep other programs, plans, and suggested improvements out of the issue. Let the people make the decision on the pool issue alone."

Fawn Captured By Authorities After Long Run

A fawn, which apparently had escaped captivity, was recaptured in a vacant field near the corner of 182nd street and Crenshaw boulevard Sunday morning.

Torrance police and the South Bay Humane Society cooperated to catch the animal which finally fell, exhausted, after a half-hour chase. The fawn was described as being just two feet tall; it had run through a tar pit and was covered with the black, sticky stuff.

Local humane officers gave the animal to the Inglewood shelter, from where it will be sent to a zoo, it was reported.

Tree Fund Started

Riviera Festival Nets \$200 for Arbor Planting

When the afternoon sun is strong and the breeze off the ocean has quieted, Hollywood Riviera residents will be cool. For there will be trees.

This was assured Sunday when a community-wide parade and barbecue netted tree-minded residents approximately \$200.

According to A. J. Patrosky, chairman of the tree planting program, the money will be sunk into the purchase of shade and beauty as soon as possible.

The money-raising festival started at El Retiro park at 1:30 when games and eating booths opened for business. Big money-maker was a western barbecue which followed a softball game between Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos. Although the Rancho team won, Riviera was undismayed—it will have its trees.

Kids Seen as Suspects in Cafe Hold-up

Juveniles are suspected in Sunday's burglary of the Hobby Lobby Cafe, 1406 Cravens avenue, which netted bandits \$300 in cash and an unestimated amount in checks and money orders.

According to Owner Charles A. "Shorty" Darrow's statement, to Torrance police, the money and checks were in a gray metal cash box which "disappeared" after a group of youths left the cafe.

One of the youths, allegedly from Wilmington had "lots of money to spend" on the night of the robbery, was brought to the Torrance police station for questioning.

Bids Sought for North Torrance School Job

Calls for bids for the construction of the North Torrance school went out today, according to Emmett Ingram, business manager of the Torrance Unified School District.

In a round-up of school building activity, Ingram reported that the school district now has possession of the title to the land for the new Walteria School. Preliminary plans for the school are in the hands of state school authorities. Meanwhile designers of the school and state architects are huddling over minor changes in the plans.

Steel sash, the lack of which has impeded the progress on the new Seaside School and the additions to the Perry Elementary School, arrived yesterday, Ingram said.

Construction of porches around the addition at Fern Avenue School and certain other minor tasks are all that remain before that construction project can be marked completed, the business manager claimed.

He reported that the job of refurbishing the two bungalows to augment the class room facilities at Torrance Elementary School was likewise nearing completion and that they would be ready for school opening.

Painting of offices in the high school has been completed, he said, as well as the painting of one of the shops at the high school plant. Others are expected to be finished soon.

Incinerator Need 'Acute' Say Officials

Warning that the city was amenable to the law for violation of the Air Pollution Act, City Attorney C. Douglass Smith last Tuesday night supported the opinion of the city manager that the council should give serious consideration to the problem of building a city incinerator.

George W. Stevens, the city manager, said that the \$15,000 allotted in the present budget would not build a suitable permanent type structure that the city would eventually be forced to build. The sum as presently allocated was for the construction of an incinerator that at best could only be described as a "stop-gap" measure.

The proposal appears to be bucking heads with plan to build a long-discussed swimming pool for the city. Need for the incinerator may force the temporary abandonment of the swimming pool plan since the funds for both would likely have to come from the city's unappropriated reserves.

Woman Jailed in Bad Check Charge

An attempt to pass an alleged bad check at a Torrance dress shop ended with a 30-day sentence in the county jail for Mrs. Lahoma Lagneau, 30, a mother of two.

A Lawndale resident, Mrs. Lagneau was convicted of giving out a bad check to the shop without sufficient funds in her account to cover the draft. Her case was heard by City Judge Otto B. Willett.

Surprise Awaits Burglar of Fishing Gear

When caught, the yegg who yesterday broke into a parked car and swiped \$100 worth of fishing gear, can expect little mercy from the bench.

Victim of the attack was a Gardena Justice Court Judge John A. Shidler.

The good judge, who lives at 317 Camino de las Colinas, called the Torrance Police yesterday to say that he had left his car parked near the corner of Engracia and Manuel avenues. When he returned he discovered the car had been entered and three of his favorite pieces of gear were missing.

An avid angler and thorough judge, Judge Shidler expects justice to triumph.

TEEN-AGERS OFFERED V.F.W. HALL

Torrance Teen-Agers may find that they have not been left "out in the cold" if the Teen and Twenty Club winds up a week from Saturday night.

The V.F.W. has offered the use of their hall to the community's youth every Thursday night, according to Jess Dean, commander of the local post.

Plan of operation would call for supervision by members of various adult organizations. First of a series of meetings is slated for tonight with representatives from the Lions Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and V.F.W. meeting with Teen-agers.

The Teen and Twenty Club, a function of the summer recreation program sponsored jointly by the City and the School District, will windup their regular Saturday night activities with a dance Saturday night, Aug. 27. However, Rex Welch, director of the summer program, asserts the recreation commission is giving serious thought to continuing the plan throughout the school year.

SUSPECT PEEPING TOM

A peeping Tom has been operating on the 2000 block of Andro avenue, a resident there told police.



OPERATION DRENCH . . . Edna Mae Snell, comely Queen of Torrance, smashes a bottle of ginger ale across the bow of the Sea Scout Ship Decatur in launching and christening rites held Sunday afternoon at the Cabrillo Beach pier. The former Navy Officers Landing Barge was rebuilt and made ship-shape by a group of Torrance and Lomita youths.

Councilman Powell Also Hit by Recall Wave; Haggard, Jackson Answer

'Mismanagement' Charges Denied By Accused Pair

Councilman Bob L. Haggard and A. L. Jackson, charged with "mismanagement" in office by a group seeking their recall yesterday filed their formal answer to the seven-pronged blast levied by the recallers.

Haggard's needle-pointed reply came in a 23-word flat denial of the charges. His official statement was:

"The charges levied against me by the Torrance Civic Betterment Committee which seeks to enact my recall are untrue. So help me, God!"

Bob L. Haggard, Jackson's statement, somewhat more wordy but like that of Haggard's denied without reservation all of the charges brought by William Bowman, chairman, and Kenneth Kall, secretary of the Torrance Civic Betterment Committee.

In Jackson's statement, the entire text of which appears as a legal notice elsewhere in this issue, he denies that the city manager is highly overpaid. He points out that George W. Stevens is serving in the capacity of City Manager AND City Engineer at no extra cost to the city.

He denies that the municipal airport on Pacific Coast Highway "is losing money each month." He states:

"If any loss has occurred in the revenue of said airport the same is not due to mismanagement, or to the operation of said airport, or because of any act of proponent."

Jackson, currently serving his fourth year on the council, claims he has sought the advice of the city attorney in each instance of expenditure of money and has acted accordingly to that advice.

To the charge that the sum of \$3875 was "illegally" spent in the paving contract for Hawthorne boulevard, the council



MAYOR SHERFY . . . Recall Sought



COUNCILMAN POWELL . . . And He, Too!

Nick Drale Only Councilman Not Named in Recall

The names of Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. and Councilman George C. Powell were added this week to the recall list.

A second notice, similar to the one published two weeks ago by recall leaders signifying their intention to circulate a petition to recall Councilmen Bob L. Haggard and A. L. Jackson, was filed Tuesday afternoon by William Bowman, chairman, and Kenneth Kall, secretary of the Torrance Civic Betterment Committee.

The signed press-release of the recall leaders follows: "Statement by William Bowman, Chairman and Kenneth Kall, Secretary of the Torrance Civic Betterment Group:

The Committee believes that a majority of the people of the city of Torrance have felt for a long time that the present city government was being improperly and illegally managed, that certain members of the City Council have been placing their personal interests above those of the city and the people whom they represent. That automobiles, fire equipment, road paving and other equipment involving huge sums of money, have recently been purchased by the City Council without proper bids being submitted so that the Council could buy at the lowest possible price and from the lowest bidder. Your committee wonders why? Where is the pay-off?"

Members of the Committee have been informed that the grand jury and the district attorney's office may investigate the present situation in Torrance.

The City of Torrance owns a municipal airport and a municipal bus system that could be tremendous revenue and income producing businesses. Instead, under the mismanagement of the present City Council, petty politicians and their friends, not even residents of Torrance, who have no interest in the welfare of the city but only in the money they receive from their high salaries, have lucrative jobs in these enterprises and seem quite satisfied to operate the businesses losing revenue every month, as long as they continue to draw their salaries from the public funds which the taxpayers of Torrance pay for.

In addition to the complaints mentioned above, the Committee in its legal notice has explained that the Council is paying excessive salaries for city jobs; that councilmen with financial inter-

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WEATHER TO BE SO-SO TODAY—WM

After this morning's light fog and low clouds, temperatures, which have been mounting through the week, will reach a comfortable 80 degrees, according to U.S. Weather Bureau.

Maximum temperatures here throughout the week ranged from 72 degrees to yesterday's 78. Here's a breakdown of the highs and lows:

	Max.	Min.
AUG. 11	77	55
AUG. 12	72	52
AUG. 13	72	50
AUG. 14	75	50
AUG. 15	76	50
AUG. 16	77	50
AUG. 17	78	54

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